

**UTILITY PATENT
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**

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under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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 - i. ☐ Deletion of Inventor(s)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application,
see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1:33(b)
5. ☐ Incorporation by reference (useable if box 4b is checked)
The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is
supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying
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6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
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 - a. ☐ Computer Readable Copy
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 - c. ☐ Statement Verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

8. ☒ Assignment Papers (cover sheet and document(s)) to: PIONEER CORPORATION, Tokyo, Japan.
Please publish the assignee data with the application.
9. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☒ Power of Attorney

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10. ☐ English translation Document (if applicable)

11. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

12. ☒ Preliminary Amendment

13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)

14. ☐ Small Entity Status is claimed.

15. ☒ Claim for Convention Priority ☒ [1] Certified copy of Priority Document is enclosed
a. Priority of Japanese application no. 2002-291842 filed on October 4, 2002 is claimed under 35 USC 119.

16. ☐ Other _____

17. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box and supply the requisite information:

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